

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:05 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Brett Hunter and Gene Cordes; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a work session of the Board.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

The Public Budget Hearing was held on Tuesday January 13, 2015. The Town received one petition, acted upon by the Committee. All of the Town and School budget recommendations were completed. The Town's Form MS 737 was also completed by the Budget Committee.

The Public Budget Hearing will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 22 every night at 7:00 pm; and on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 pm for the next couple of weeks.

The Energy Committee will meet next on Tuesday January 20, 2015.

2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

TOWN: Monday February 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm Snowdate: Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

SCHOOL: Saturday January 31, 2015 at 9:00 am. Snowdate: Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Both Deliberative Sessions will be held at Pettengill Hall in the Ellis School, 432 Main Street in Fremont.

TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTIONS: The filing period for Town and School District Offices begins on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and runs through Friday, January 30, 2015. You can sign up during any Town Clerk Office hours. On Friday January 30, 2015 the Town Clerk and School District Clerks will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for sign-ups only, at the Fremont Town Hall.

TOWN POSITIONS OPEN in 2015

Selectman: 1 for 3 years

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years

Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years

Library Trustee: 1 for 1 year

Road Agent: 1 for 3 years

Budget Committee: 2 for 3 years

Budget Committee: 1 for 2 years

Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS OPEN in 2015

School Board Member: 2 for 3 years

School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 year

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 year

School District Moderator: 1 for 1 year

Additionally any interested School District Candidate can contact School District Clerk Patricia Coulombe by email at dantric4@yahoo.com to make other arrangements to sign up within the candidate declaration period. You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare your candidacy for Town or School District Office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will meet January 20, 2015 from 7:00 – 7:30 pm at the

Fremont Public Library for new registrants and for any changes voters wish to make to their voter registration forms.

One additional Budget Committee position is open (for a two year term) to fill a vacancy created just this week when Tyra Vargas resigned from the Committee.

To complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, voters should see the Town Clerk during regular office hours, or contact the School District Clerk for School filings only. Other election questions can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

The last day to register to vote to be able to participate in the Deliberative Sessions is TUESDAY January 20, 2015 with the Supervisors of the Checklist. They will meet at the Fremont Public Library from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. The last day to register to vote prior to Town and School Voting on March 10th is Saturday February 28, 2015 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Fremont Public Library. You can register on election day, but not on the days between March 1 and March 9th.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectmen reviewed the minutes of 08 January 2015 and 13 January 2015. Motion was made by Cordes to approve the minutes of 08 January 2015 as amended (some typographical corrections). Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0. Cordes then moved to approve the minutes as written for 13 January 2015. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the final 2015 Warrant for posting. Motion was made by Cordes to sign the Warrant. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimous approved 2-0. The Warrant will be available for Holmes to sign later this evening or tomorrow.

2. Selectmen again discussed goals for 2015. This again included Capital Improvements planning, as well as rejuvenating Andy Kohlhofer's earlier energy regarding economic development. Selectmen discussed some of the Town and District's costs relative to cost per pupil, as well as the cost of other services.

The Board discussed meeting with the Planning Board to see about a group to spearhead an Economic Development Committee. The Board feels this is likely a long-term process.

Capital needs planning will need to begin with a capital needs assessment. The Town has some significant capital assets that need maintenance, upgrade, and at some point, replacement. There is a need to engage the community in this process.

3. Selectmen discussed potential photographs for the Town Report Cover, as well as the Appreciation page.

4. It is time again for annual review of several of the Board's policies. Selectmen asked for current versions to be sent out by email for review and discussion next week. Current review is needed of the Fraud, Credit Card, Investment, and Fund Balance Policies.

5. Repeat water tests for the month of January 2015 for the library water system were delivered to the NH State Lab on Monday.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll \$19,226.33 and accounts payable manifest \$56,956.17 dated 16 January 2015. Within the accounts payable manifest, \$23,545.34 are bills paid for the 2014 calendar year.

2. Selectmen reviewed bills and invoices for payment.

3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence. There was discussion about a request for flood data certification information for property at 259 Main Street, as well as a zoning violation at 16 Tibbetts Road.

4. The Board acknowledged a resignation letter from Tyra Vargas from the Fremont Budget Committee for health and work reasons, effective 01/13/2015. Cordes moved to accept the letter with regret. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

5. Selectmen reviewed Land Use Change Tax bills prepared by the Assessor:

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| a. Parcel 02-173.013 | 67 Gristmill Road | New home constructed |
| | \$7,900.00 | |
| b. Parcel 03-015.001.076 | 71 Hall Road | Unit sold |
| | \$2,142.85 | |

Motion was made by Cordes to assess the taxes. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

6. With payment of the fees, Selectmen signed a cemetery deed for lot 16 in Leavitt Cemetery to David Harms.

7. Selectmen discussed the newly created Revolving Fund for Police Special details. Due to the payroll line items involved in the payment aspect of the fund, the line items will remain in the general fund budget and then be transferred out at year end, if there are residual funds after all payments. The bookkeeping of such a fund is still being investigated.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A - none

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday January 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – At 7:50 pm motion was made by Hunter to adjourn the meeting. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson, Town Administrator